



# City of Cincinnati

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## GREATER CINCINNATI WATER WORKS RELEASES SAFE DRINKING WATER REPORT FOR 2006

Cincinnati drinking water meets or exceeds state and national health standards, according to Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) Safe Drinking Water Report 2006. Customers will receive this report with water bills from April through June. Cincinnati's report can be read online at [www.cincinnati-oh.gov/gcww](http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/gcww) or multiple copies can be requested by calling 513-591-7972. The report includes:

- **How Cincinnati water compares to national standards.** The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency reviews GCWW compliance testing results regularly. Cincinnati water met or exceeded all state and federal health standards in 2006, as it always has.
- **Where Cincinnati water comes from.** The most popular part of the report is a map that shows customers where their water comes from. GCWW's Miller Plant on the Ohio River supplies 88% of drinking water to customers. The Bolton Plant treats groundwater from the Great Miami Aquifer, and supplies 12% of drinking water. The report provides an overview of how GCWW monitors and protects source waters.
- **How Cincinnati water is treated.** The granular activated carbon (GAC) treatment process at our Miller Plant on the Ohio River is considered the best way to remove organic materials from drinking water. This state-of-the-art treatment produces high quality drinking water that needs about two-thirds less chlorine than water treated without GAC. Diagrams of treatment processes are presented in the report.
- **GCWW is vigilant in protecting the water supply.** GCWW tests the water more than 600 times a day to ensure the quality and safety of the water. A summary of results of these tests required by US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is provided in the report.

USEPA requires every water utility to provide information on source water and water quality. Other water utilities will also send these reports to customers in the next few months. This annual report was prepared to meet the USEPA's National Primary Drinking Water Regulation for Consumer Confidence Reports.

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